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Mind, I had no inducements to offer the people who did business with me, other than any other New York Stock Exchange house offered. The rules of the New York Stock Exchange tie all its members to one routine of business. If I secured new customers, it was on personal grounds, and not because I could offer them any better terms than other houses.

Within a year and half, I built up a business of from one to six thousand shares a day, representing a profit of about \$110.50 to \$700 a day to my firm. My salary was raised \$2,000 a year, and I received a handsome cash bonus.

Not quite three weeks after my salary had been raised my firm failed. My customers, who had lost whatever they had on deposit, felt that I should have known of the crisis, and given them a chance to withdraw their funds. The ink upon the ticker announcing the suspension was hardly dry when another Stock Exchange house offered me the same salary, if I cared to associate myself with them.

What am I? Merely a procurer of gamblers. The total profit which my firm derived in almost three years, from the orders of actual investors, would not have covered the tips that I handed out in a few months. The money I received from my firm was merely a part of the "kitty" which I had procured. The New York police have their eyes on a class of men who hang around the gambling house district and are known as "cappers." They are in the same business that I am, but they work for an unlicensed game. The game of which I am a hireling is sanctioned by the state, looked up to by society. I am called a broker, a manager of a Stock Exchange house—a "gentleman," don't you see, not a "capper."—From "A Hireling of Wall Street," in the April Everybody's.

Studio Moved.

Miss Elizabeth Graves has moved her studio to Room No. 1, over Mrs. Marks' restaurant.

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"The Traitor" At Kansas City.

"The Traitor," greatest of all dramatic successes, to be at the Willis Wood, Kansas City, the week beginning Sunday, March 28th, with Wednesday and Saturday matinees.

"The Traitor" has stamped all other successes, even that of "The Clansman," which has been the talk of the whole civilized world. The tour of "The Traitor" through the country has been marked by the greatest enthusiasm and the theatres have not been able to accommodate the enormous crowds that have flocked to see the latest work of Thomas Dixon, Jr., and Channing Pollock.

The story of "The Traitor" deals with the final days and disbanding of the famous Ku Klux Klan and of the last thrilling scenes of the Reconstruction Period in the South. The love interest is centered in a young Southern cavalier, John Graham and his sweetheart, Stella Butler, the daughter of a Federal Judge. Tossed about by the intrigues of Steve Hoyle, "The Traitor" of the play, the ending brings them happily together. The third act of this powerful drama is laid in a Federal Court room, where John Graham is tried for his life by a negro jury.

It is one of the most impressive scenes ever placed upon the stand. All through the action of the play is interspersed much of that exoneratingly funny negro comedy at which Mr. Dixon is so clever.

The production includes two carloads of massive scenery and electrical effects and a troop of horses. There are seventy-five people in this company, among whom are many of the best known players of the American stage.

The management of the Willis Wood has decided to give special attention to the country patronage for this engagement. Out-of-town patrons should address their orders for seats to O. D. Woodward, Manager Willis Wood Theatre, Kansas City, Mo. All orders must be accompanied by money order. The advance sale of will open on Thursday, March 25, and all orders should be mailed prior to that date. The price of seats will be \$1.50, \$1.00, 75 cents and 50 cents for the night performances and Saturday matinee, and \$1.00, 75 cents and 50 cents for the Wednesday matinee.

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A Buckner View.

From the Johnson County Democrat.

J. G. Burnley, banker at Buckner says wheat looks bad around Buckner. He says they want to see an electric line down there, but the proposition made by a representative of the Commercial club didn't appeal to him to have money made up by people along the line, right of way given, grading done and bridges after which the road, would have an asset on which to raise money. He thinks every fair-minded man should be willing to give rights of way. And he thinks money can be raised to pay cost of survey and secure right of way. But the Osage township would then want to select the route. He expects to see a line between Lexington and Independence in operation and a paying proposition. He says McGrew of Lexington asked right of way along the river route near the railroad where loss of land would have been slight and the farmers asked such a price, that Eastern capitalists who had become interested dropped it. An effort has been made in the past to have the Mo. Pac. put electric cars on their road, but they wanted to use their tracks for freight cars.

When asked why Buckner wanted a line Mr. Burnley said jokingly that they wanted to commiserate to Independence, as each one who came spent something here, even if only 25 cents for dinner. He said it was like the man who asked the barber in Arizona how the people lived in that arid country and was told they lived off tourists. After paying 75 cents to the barber the traveler said "Well, if I'd waited till I paid my bill I wouldn't have needed to ask how you all live." Just about this time Col. Peace of Buckner came in and Mr. Burnley said, "There's the identical man that it happened to." In seriousness the people of Buckner want an electric line because it will put them in hourly touch with Kansas City markets and will bring suburban residents into their community. There is no doubt that these will follow the building of a railway. They will have one within 7 years is the confident prediction of Messrs. Peace and Burnley.

Cashier Wagner Resigns.

Chris Wagner tendered his resignation Monday as cashier and director of the Bank of Odessa and the same was accepted by the directors. Mr. Wagner sold his 60 shares of stock to J. C. Calfee, cashier of the Bank of Mayview. Mr. Calfee and his brother of St. Louis have purchased 200 shares of the stock of the Bank of Odessa. J. C. Calfee will become a citizen of Odessa.

Mr. Wagner has made no decision as to the future. He is one of the best business men in this town and a man whom every citizen would be glad to see remain here.—Odessa Democrat.

A petition was circulated in Oak Grove Monday by W. A. Blucher and presented to the Jackson county court asking that the road leading east from that town to the Lafayette county line be graded and macadamized. The court ordered the surveyor to make an estimate as to the cost of the work. This road is only three-fourths of a mile in length and when it is improved to the county line, the people of this county should make an effort to extend it through Bates City to Odessa.—Odessa Democrat.

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